

REMARKS

Claim 29 has been canceled. Claims 30, 32, 39, and 40 have been amended. Claims 1-28 and 30-40 therefore are pending and presented for review. Favorable reconsideration and allowance are requested in light of the foregoing amendments and the remarks which follow.

1. Prior Art Rejections

Claims 29, 30, 32, 34, and 39 stand rejected as being unpatentable over Webster and, in the case of claims 32 and 34, over Webster in view of Talbert. These rejection have been mooted by canceling claim 29 and by amending of claims 30, 32, and 39 to depend from allowed claim 31.

2. Allowable Subject Matter and Conclusions

The indication of the allowability of claims 1-28, 31, 33, and 35-38 and of the presence of allowable subject matter in claim 40 is noted with appreciation. By this amendment, claim 40 has been rewritten in independent form to include the limitations of claim 29, from which it depends. Because the remaining rejections have been mooted by the cancellation of claim 29 and the amendments of the rejected claims that were previously dependent therefrom, all claims are now believed to be in *prima facie* condition for allowance. Withdrawal of all rejections and allowance of the application therefore are believed to be in order and are respectfully requested. Should there be any

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remaining questions the attending to of which would help expedite such action, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number appearing below.

No fees are believed to be required with the submission of this response.

Nevertheless, should the Examiner consider any o fees to be payable in conjunction with this or any future communication, the Director is authorized to direct payment of such fees, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-1170.

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